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### Bill Would Add Medical Gas Regulations

Medical gases would be further regulated under legislation sponsored by Rep. Leonard Lance of New Jersey.

The Medical Gas Safety Act, H.R. 2227, would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of medical gases, taking into account the special characteristics of medical gases, the special techniques and processes required to produce medical gases, and the established history of safe and effective use of medical gases. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Health.

### Planned Maintenance of Medical Gas Systems is Presentation Topic

Medical gas industry expert Tom Spremo, president of Purely Med Gas, and a 15-year WHEA member, will share his expertise on medical gas system maintenance during a presentation to the Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association (WHEA) annual conference on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Spremo's 90-minute presentation is entitled: "Development and Implementation of a Med Gas Planned

Maintenance Program."

T h e presentation will cover the



tools and knowledge that healthcare facility managers need to reduce liability and to ensure regulatory compliance.

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## Medical Gas Installation Handbook Replaces NFPA 99C

The new "Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems Installation Handbook" will replace NFPA 99C, the National Fire Protection Association has announced. NFPA 99C will no longer be a standalone document.

The new handbook, which will come out in 2012, will be the source for the latest medical gas and vacuum system rules, plus expert insight, explanations and fullcolor visuals. It will include expert commentary that explains code

intent and practical application insights.

The book will have more than 100 photos, tables and charts that will clarify concepts. Also included will be supplements on qualifications for personnel performing medical gas work,

### WHEA Conference

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Spremo acts as the medical gas liaison to the Code Committee of WHEA and is a member of other regional and national technical committees.

The conference will be held at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse.

"I'm honored to be selected as one of the presenters at this premier conference," Spremo said. "I am looking forward to sharing our passion for this subject with our colleagues and other professionals from across the state of Wisconsin."

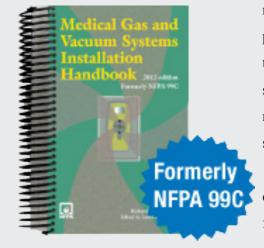
WHEA provides quality education; advocacy and outreach within the health care community. WHEA is recognized by local and national regulatory organizations as an essential partner in the codes and standards development and compliance process. It is an award-winning chapter of the American Society for Healthcare Engineering. For more information on the association or the conference, visit www.whea.com.

#### Handbook

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and general brazing procedures, cleaning for oxygen service and preparing for brazing, and installation testing and documentation.

NFPA 99 is generally accepted as one of the most widely used codes for the installation and use of equipment, and the daily operation of medical gas and vacuum systems in medical facilities. The new handbook will provide the



relevant requirements from NFPA 99, plus the additional visual and explanatory support required to clearly understand the installation and maintenance requirements related to these critical systems.

Copies of the handbook can be ordered from the NFPA online catalog, found at www.nfpa.org.

## Purely Med Gas Implements 'Purely Paperless' For Client Accounts

Clients of Purely Med Gas will have convenient access to up-to-date information on their accounts through Purely Med Gas's new "Purely Paperless" secure online access system at the company's new website. "Through Purely Paperless, clients will be able to securely access their documentation, service history and equipment inventory; no more waiting," said Sarah Thomson, vice president of Purely Med Gas.

# Purely Med Gas

### A New Business from an Experienced Team

Purely Med Gas, Inc., has been launched, offering best-in-class medical gas education and service. While the business is new, the company's team is well steeped in the medical gas industry, with experience serving the medical gas needs of hundreds of health care facilities.

#### **RESPECTED TEAM**

Purely Med Gas's industry-respected team includes Tom Spremo, company president and the entrepreneur who developed the medical gas service and training field more than 18 years ago, and Sarah Thomson, company vice president who shares Tom's passion for excellence and customer service, and who has years of experience in the medical gas design and consulting market.

The company's diverse field team was specifically selected to meet the needs of today's healthcare industry.



They are seasoned veterans whose focuses include troubleshooting and repair, maintenance, inspections, electrical controls, and interruption planning.

The staff of Purely Med Gas has

# Purely Med Gas Offers Wide Array of Services, Education

Purely Med Gas offers best-in-class medical gas education, training and service from a passionate team of industry experts. The business works with hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities throughout the U.S.

- · all types of education
- risk assessment
- · facilities management and maintenance programs
- · medical gas system consulting and planning
- · hands on technical troubleshooting and repair
- · interruption planning
- · inspection/verification
- regulatory preparedness

worked with all types of health care facilities, engineers, and contractors. They have developed and provided the most far-reaching educational programs in the medical gas industry.

#### **BROAD EXPERIENCE**

The Purely Med Gas team has years of experience and come from a variety of backgrounds that include:

- healthcare facilities maintenance staff
- mechanical designers\engineers
- electrical controls troubleshooting and repair technicians
- mechanical contractor employees/ licensed master plumbers

Purely Med Gas is based between Milwaukee and Madison and serves health care systems and medical facilities throughout the U.S.

Along with supporting the medical gas sector, Purely Med Gas supports the community. Purely's charitable support includes the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Teddy Bear Fund and the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

"We want to give back to the community that has been so good to us," Spremo said. "We're honored to be able to do our part."

Purely Med Gas is online at www. purelymedgas.com.

# New Purely Education Center Will Host Medical Gas Workshops, Seminars

Purely Med Gas has opened an Education Center at its new metropolitan Milwaukee headquarters.

This state-of-the-art center includes an interactive classroom and hands-on workshop. The Education Center will offer training in medical gas system design, management, installation, maintenance, and clinical

staff awareness.

Classes and training will be led by Purely Med Gas's industry leading experts.

Purely Med Gas can also bring its training programs to a client's facility, and regularly provides its expertise at health care conferences and seminars throughout the nation.





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# Flameless Med Gas Fitting Arrives in Midwest

A new technology to join medical gas piping and make final connections is here, according to the team at Purely Med Gas.



"No more torches, hot work permits or long shutdowns," said Tom Spremo, president of Purely Med Gas.

The LokRing fitting features an NFPAapproved, gasketless joint that will minimize the time and risk during shutdowns.

Contact Purely Med Gas for product information and training.